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local governments, and foreign organizations where the workers are recruited outside of the United States.

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22.1304 Procedures.

To verify if a proposed contractor is current with its submission of the VETS-100 and/or the VETS-100A Report, the contracting officer may—

- (a) Query the Department of Labor's VETS-100 Database via the Internet at http://www.vets100.com/login.aspx. Contracting officer organization, name, email, telephone, and password information are required on the Contracting Officer Registration page to register for system use.
- (b) Contact the VETS-100 Reporting Systems via e-mail at verify@vets100.com for confirmation, if the proposed contractor represents that it has submitted the VETS-100 Report and is not listed in the database.

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22.1305 Waivers.

- (a) The Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, may waive any or all of the terms of the clause at 52.222–35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans, for—
- (1) Any contract if a waiver is in the national interest: or
- (2) Groups or categories of contracts if a waiver is in the national interest and it is—
- (i) Impracticable to act on each request individually; and
- (ii) Determined that the waiver will substantially contribute to convenience in administering the Act.
- (b) The head of the agency may waive any requirement in this subpart when it is determined that the contract is essential to the national security, and that its award without complying with such requirements is necessary to the national security. Upon making such a determination, the head of the agency must notify the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor in writing within 30 days.

- (c) The contracting officer must submit requests for waivers in accordance with agency procedures.
- (d) The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor may withdraw an approved waiver for a specific contract or group of contracts to be awarded, when in the Deputy's judgment such action is necessary to achieve the purposes of the Act. The withdrawal does not apply to awarded contracts. For procurements entered into by sealed bidding, such withdrawal does not apply unless the withdrawal is made more than 10 calendar days before the date set for the opening of bids.

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22.1306 Department of Labor notices and reports.

- (a) The contracting officer must furnish to the contractor appropriate notices for posting when they are prescribed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor (see http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/regs/compliance/posters/ofccpost.htm.
- (b) The Act requires contractors and subcontractors to submit a report at least annually to the Secretary of Labor regarding employment of disabled veterans, recently separated veterans, other protected veterans, and Armed Forces service medal veterans, unless all of the terms of the clause at 52.222–35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans, have been waived (see 22.1305). The contractor and subcontractor must use form VETS-100A, Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report, to submit the required reports (see https://vets100.vets.dol.gov).

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22.1307 Collective bargaining agreements.

If performance under the clause at 52.222–35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans, may necessitate a revision of a collective bargaining agreement, the contracting officer must advise the affected labor unions that the Department of Labor will give them appropriate opportunity to present their views. However, neither the contracting officer nor any representative of the contracting officer may discuss